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Skills Training Course For Security Guards

All licensed security guards who were issued security guard registrations or hired on or after July 1, 2004, must complete not less than 32 hours of training. The security guard training must be completed within 6 months of issuance of the security guard registration or employment as a security guard. (See Assembly Bill 2880, enacted in 2002, amending the Private Security Services Act (PSA) within the Business and Professions Code (B&P Code).)

Additionally, after January 1, 2005, all licensed security guards are required each year to complete 8 hours of additional dedicated review or practice of security guard skills. B&P Code section 7583.6, and following authorize enactment of regulations that explain those training requirements. Section 643, of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR's) outlines specific requirements for each Skills Training Course for Security Guards.

Full text copies of the code and regulation sections referred to above are available on the web site of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services ("Bureau") at:
<http://www.bsis.ca.gov/>

Bureau staff members are presently engaged in a program of on-site inspections of licensee records to determine whether security guard staff members have received the mandatory security guard training within the requirements mentioned above.

If you would like to schedule an inspection, please advise the Bureau via email at bsis@dca.ca.gov of convenient days and times for an inspection.

Please keep in mind that B&P section 7587.1 authorizes the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to revoke or suspend a license if it is found that the licensee has violated any provisions of, or any rule adopted pursuant to authority contained in, the PSA.